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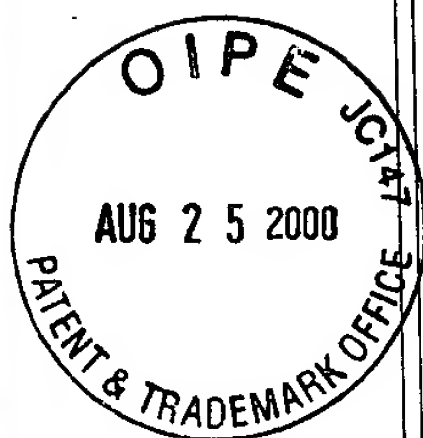
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For: ASSAYS FOR SENSORY  
MODULATORS USING A SENSORY  
CELL SPECIFIC G-PROTEIN BETA  
SUBUNIT

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and  
§1.98

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Sir:


The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and

no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

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